

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Verizon California, Inc., (Formerly Known as
GTE California Incorporated) Request to
Withdraw Application to Discontinue
Domestic Telecommunications Services

Comp. Pol. File No. W-P-D-460

ORDER

Adopted: April 11, 2002

Released: April 12, 2002

By the Chief, Competition Policy Division:

1. On February 21, 2002, Verizon California, Inc. (Verizon or Applicant), formerly known as GTE California, Incorporated, located at 1515 N. Court House Road, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201, filed a request to withdraw their application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in Arizona.

2. Applicant states that on March 9, 2000, while it was still operating under the name GTE California, Incorporated, it filed the referenced application. Verizon explains that it filed for this authority because it proposed to sell certain local exchange properties in Arizona to Citizens Communications (Citizens). On March 24, 2000, the Commission placed the application on public notice,¹ and sixty (60) days later, discontinuance authority was automatically granted. Applicant states, however, that it failed to consummate its sale with Citizens, and that as a result, it never exercised its authority to discontinue service.

3. Pursuant to section 1.748 of the Commission's rules,² Applicant requests that its application be withdrawn, and states that if it subsequently enters into an agreement with Citizens or with any other carrier to sell any or all of these exchanges, it will file a new

¹ See *Comments Invited on GTE California Incorporated's Application to Discontinue Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service for Certain Exchanges in Arizona*, Public Notice, NSD File No. W-P-D-460, (rel. March 24, 2000).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 1.748(a).

application under section 63.71 of the Commission's rules.³ Accordingly, Verizon's application is withdrawn, and the discontinuance authority associated with the application is revoked.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 1, 4(1), and 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(1), and 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.748 and 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.748, and 63.71, IT IS ORDERED that Verizon's request to withdraw its application to discontinue domestic telecommunications IS GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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³ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.